A godly Matron

A GODLY NATION CANNOT FAIL.

Text: Pro.14:34 Righteous exalteth a nation.

Intro. AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK. Dec.3-9
The N.E.A., American Legion, U.S.Bureau of Education, the American Citizenship Committee and local schools and societies join together in directing the celebration.
Made official by President.
Monday- Citizenship day.
Tuesday- Patriotism Day
Wednesday- School and Teacher Day
Thursday- Illiteracy Day
Friday- Equality of Opportunity Day
Saturday- Physical Education Day.

The pulpits of the land are asked to take for text or theme, "A Godly Nation Cannot Fail."

I. Why the churches were asked to render this service
1. Recognized that the church, above all other institutions, stands for godliness in the nation

2. Without godly living the nation is sure to fail
Unless our citizenship, patriotism, education, opportunities and physical well-being are in accordance with the righteous of God they cannot save us as a nation.

3. The cooperation of the church desired.
a- because of its influence
b-and means of reaching the masses.

II. Why a nation cannot succedd without godliness.
1. Because it is the foundation of our national life.
Godliness is righteousness, law and order.
Godliness stands for trustworthiness and integrity, for truth and honor, for loyalty and support.
Godliness stands for the practice of the Golden Rule.

II. 2. Because godliness is the fulfillment God's purpose for every nation.

a- God has a purpose for every nation. God created man in His own image and it is His purpose to make it possible for man to live in accordance with that image, in short, to live godly, godlikely, like God.

b- The nation which refuses to do so will be cut off.

The parable of the wicked hunbandmen. "Therefore I say unto you, the kingdom of G God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

III. Is ours a Godly nation?

1. This call to preach godliness as essential to national welfare not a request to proclaim that the nation is godly, but rather that the nation is not godly enough and that we must take heed lest we fall.

2. Evil influences are under strong leadership while good influences are largely lacking in strong leadership. Too much toleration of conditions as they are and not enough strong convictions as to how things ought to be. Public opinion is fickle and apathetic.

We are not adjusted to modern conditions of living. Pres. Harding points out that the auto is consequently a menace to the safety of the public. The same way we are not adjuted to the freedom which we exercise in regard to home ties and social obligation Marriage and divorce. Home in apartments and hotels.

3. This is a call to every mother and father and to every school teacher st stand four-square for the integrity of the nation and of its sacred institutions such as the ballot, the home, the school, the church, the community, by practicing and exemplifying godliness.